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## SPIDER-MAN: REQUIEM®

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The bite of a genetically altered spider granted high-school student Peter Parker incredible arachnid-like powers! When a burglar killed his beloved Uncle Ben, a grief-stricken Peter vowed to use his amazing abilities to protect his fellow man. He learned the invaluable lesson that with great power there must also come great responsibility!

Now the fledgling super hero tries to balance a full high school curriculum, a night job as a web designer for the Daily Bugle tabloid, a relationship with the beautiful Mary Jane Watson, and swing time as the misunderstood, web-slinging Spider-Man!

# ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN



## PREVIOUSLY IN ULTIMATE SPIDER-MAN...

The Ultimatum wave has destroyed New York City. With no warning a massive tidal wave crashed down on the island of Manhattan, killing millions of people in the blink of an eye.

When the tidal wave subsided, Spider-Man helped search for survivors in the watery hell that was Midtown. He then found himself face-to-face with the Incredible Hulk.

Spider-Man seemed to not survive the encounter.

Kitty Pryde and Spider-Woman searched for Peter but only found his torn mask. MJ, Gwen Stacy and Aunt May all survived the attack but are horrified when Kitty brings them the horrible news.

J. Jonah Jameson, publisher of the Daily Bugle, was witness to Spider-Man's last day of heroics. After months of bashing Spider-Man because it sold newspapers, the event profoundly changed him.

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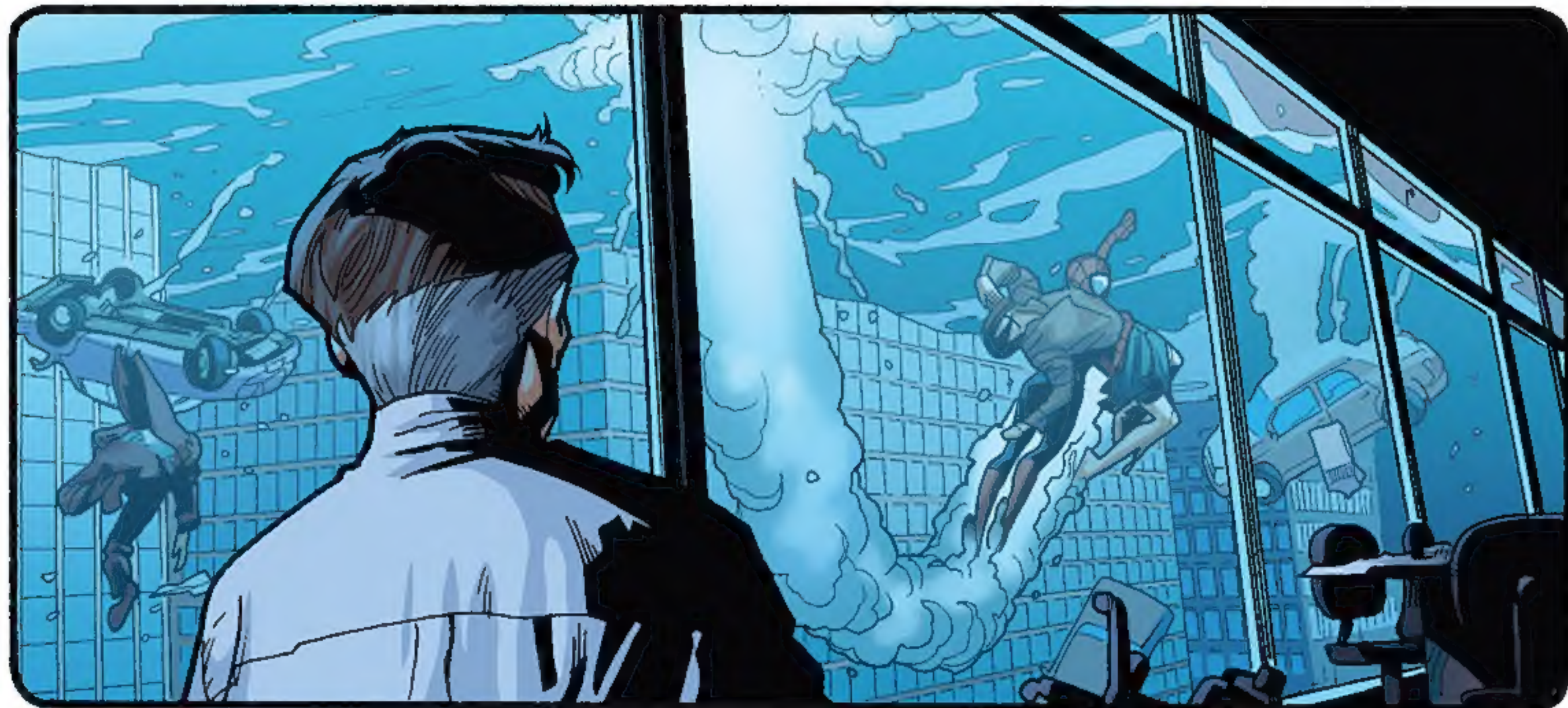
















Should you go home, Jonah?? See if your wife maybe--?

No. I can see my neighborhood from here, Ben. We live in a brownstone. It was only four stories tall.

It drowned.

Maybe she made it through--



Ben, no one made it through.

No one. New York is dead. They're dead.

They're all...dead.



I'm so sorry, Jonah.

And what are we going to do now...?



Start over.



No.

No? Of course we--

The paper was going to fold within a year. You knew that. We were bleeding cash.

I thought with new media, we'd find a--

New media. We're old and we're done.

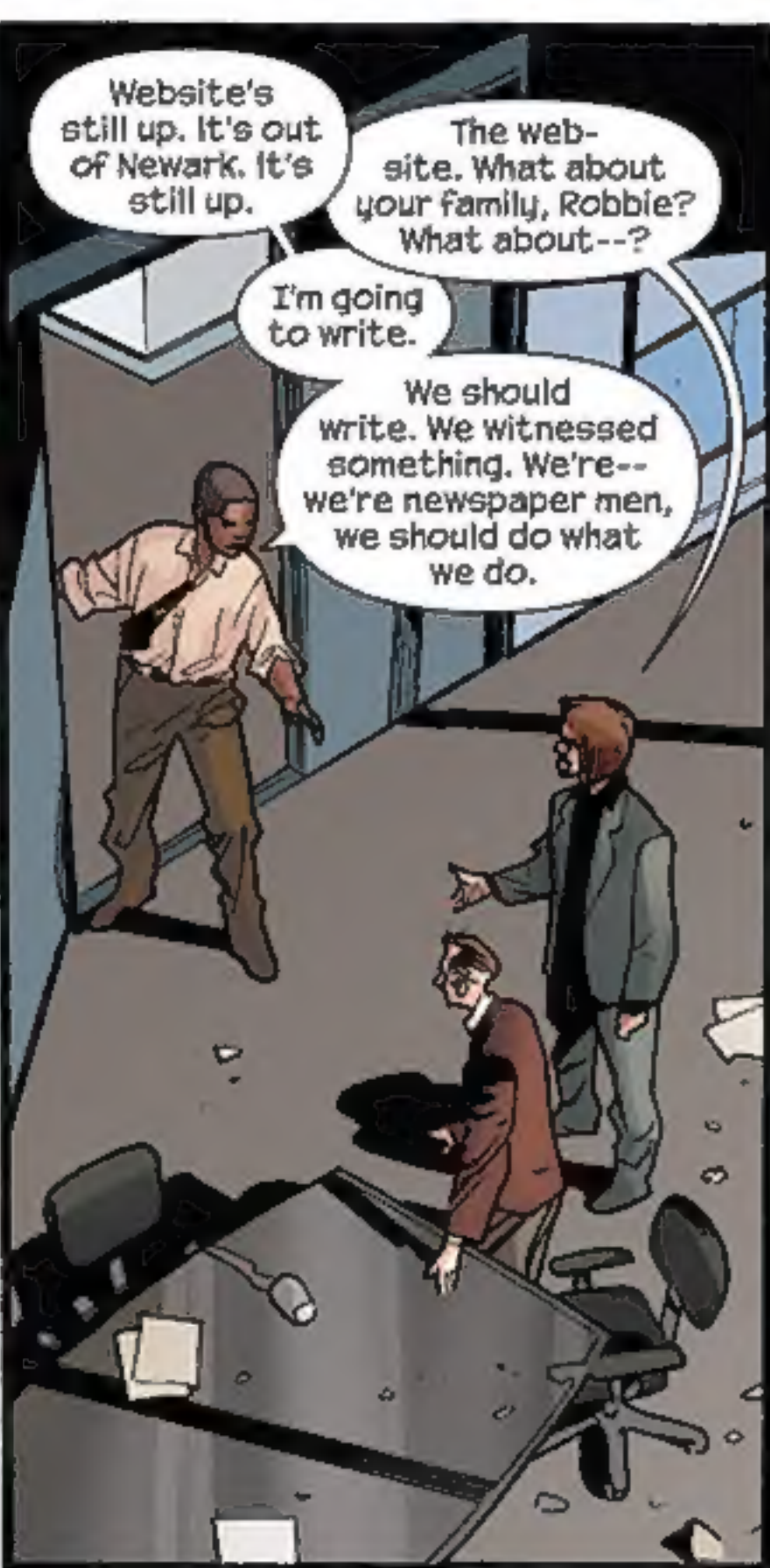


I should have run a better paper.

I should have been... fair.



Then you would have folded two years ago.



Website's still up. It's out of Newark. It's still up.

The website. What about your family, Robbie? What about--?

I'm going to write.

We should write. We witnessed something. We're-- we're newspaper men, we should do what we do.



Jonah, you said you wanted to write about Spider-Man. Go do it. Now. Sit and do it.

What about Spider-Man?

Jonah figured it out. He knows he was wrong about the Spider-Man bashing.

Really??



Saw it with my own eyes.



What is this?

My portable hard drive. On it is every story of mine you've ever killed.

You keep it on you?

Yes, I do. It feeds me.

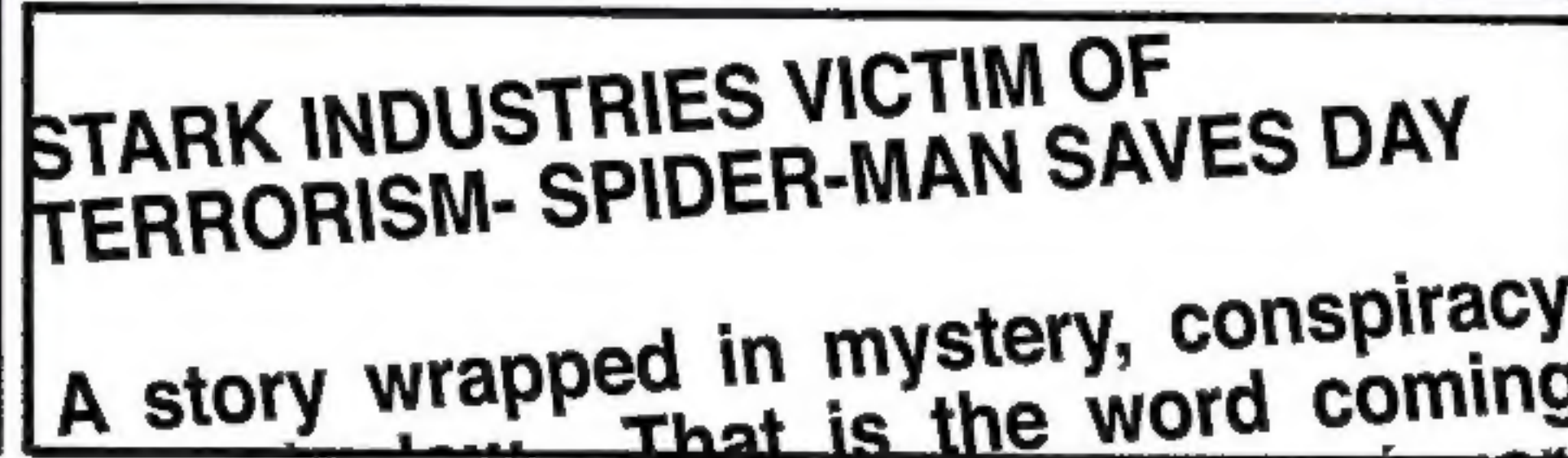
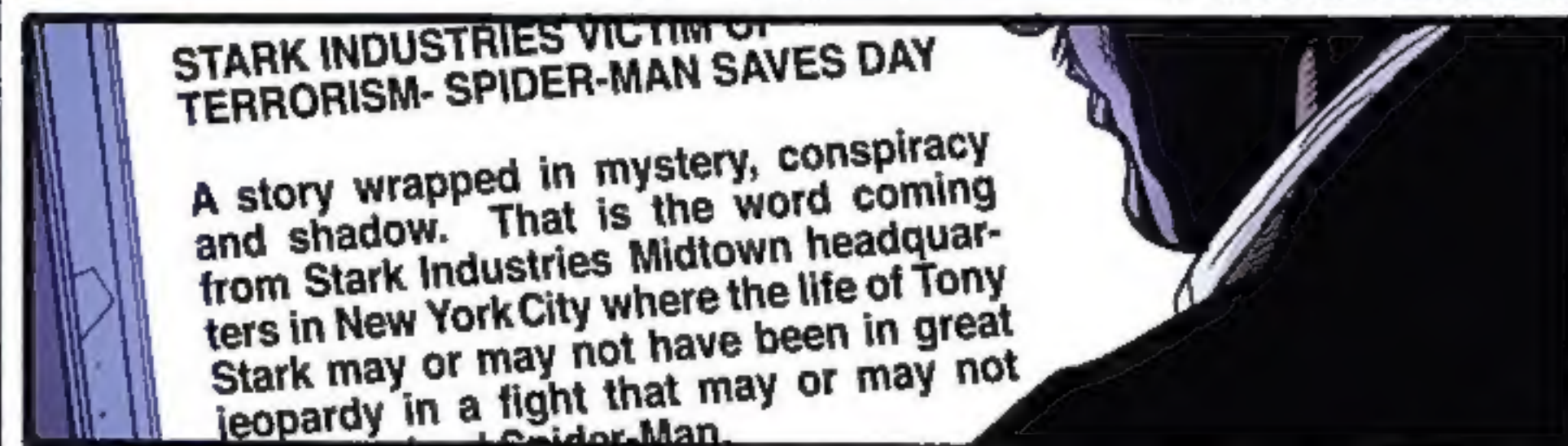
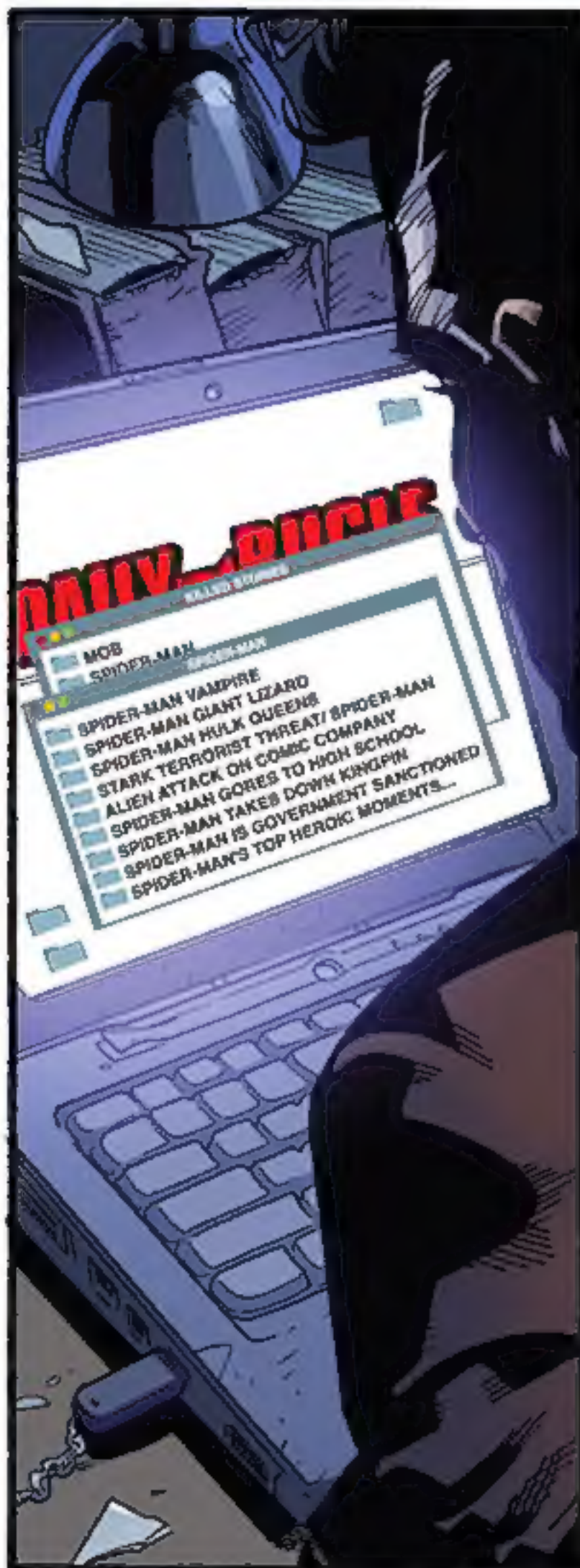
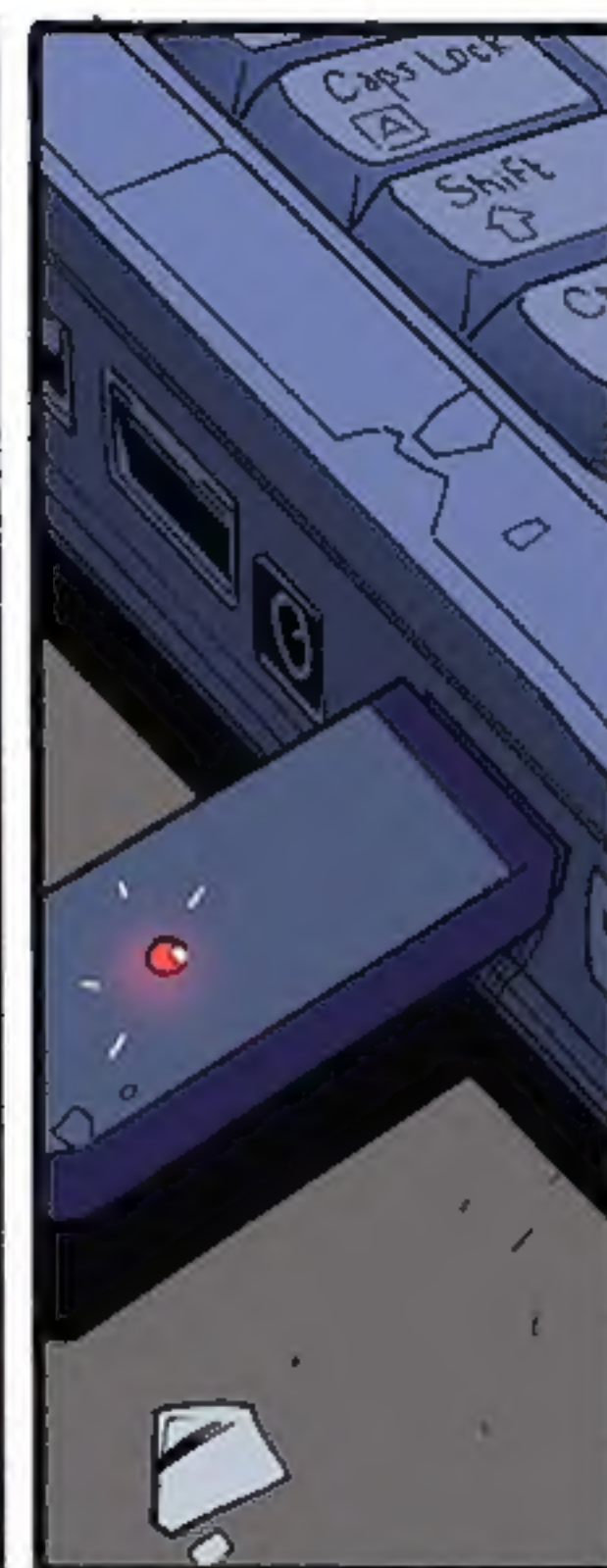
Most of them are Spider-Man stories. True Spider-Man stories. You should run them.

What?? Were you waiting for this day to--



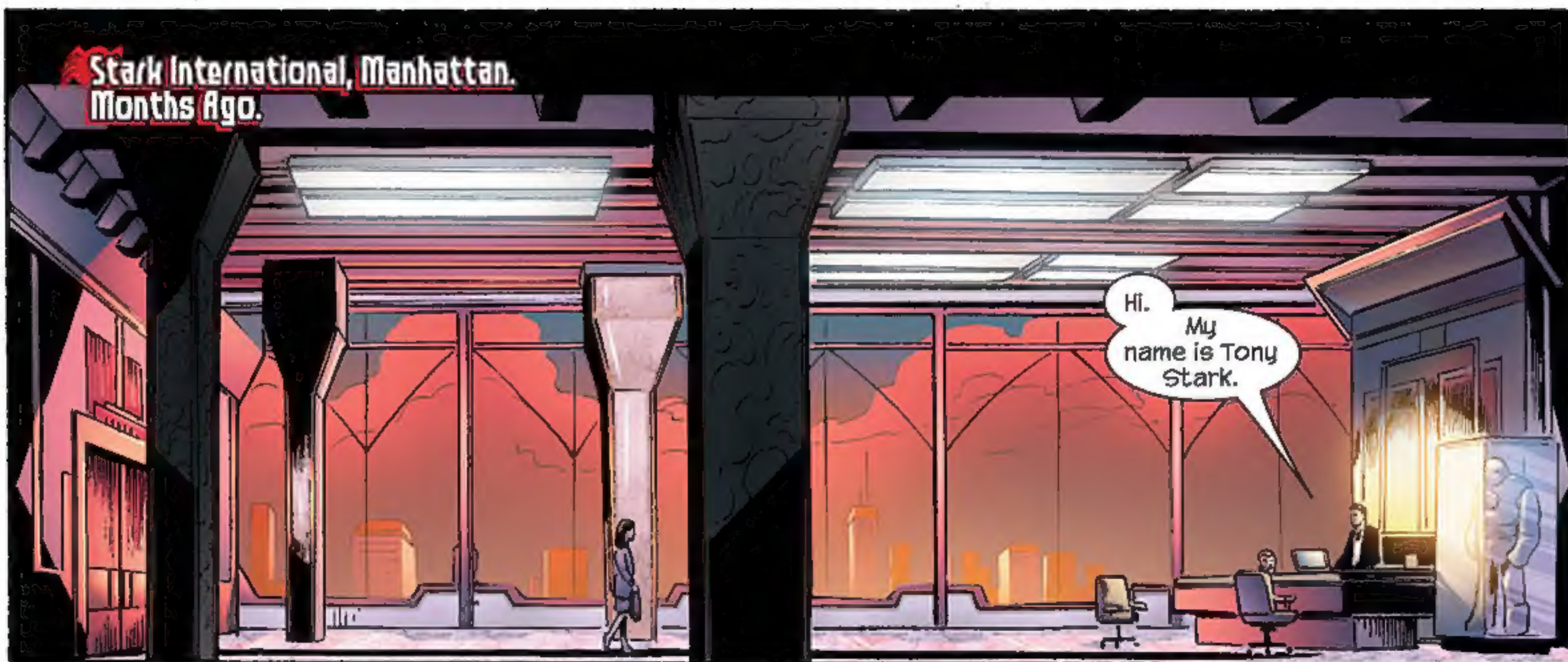
True stories.







**Stark International, Manhattan.**  
**Months Ago.**



Hi.  
My name is Tony Stark.

I'm, um, I'm MJ Watson.  
From Midtown High School.

Yes, you e-mailed my assistant fifty-seven times for this interview.

Well, sorry, I just--you know, I wanted to make sure--

Never apologize for tenacity. Especially if and when it works.

As you can tell by the formal wear, I have a dinner in fifteen minutes.

Which means I have *less* than that?

Let's have *at* it, then.

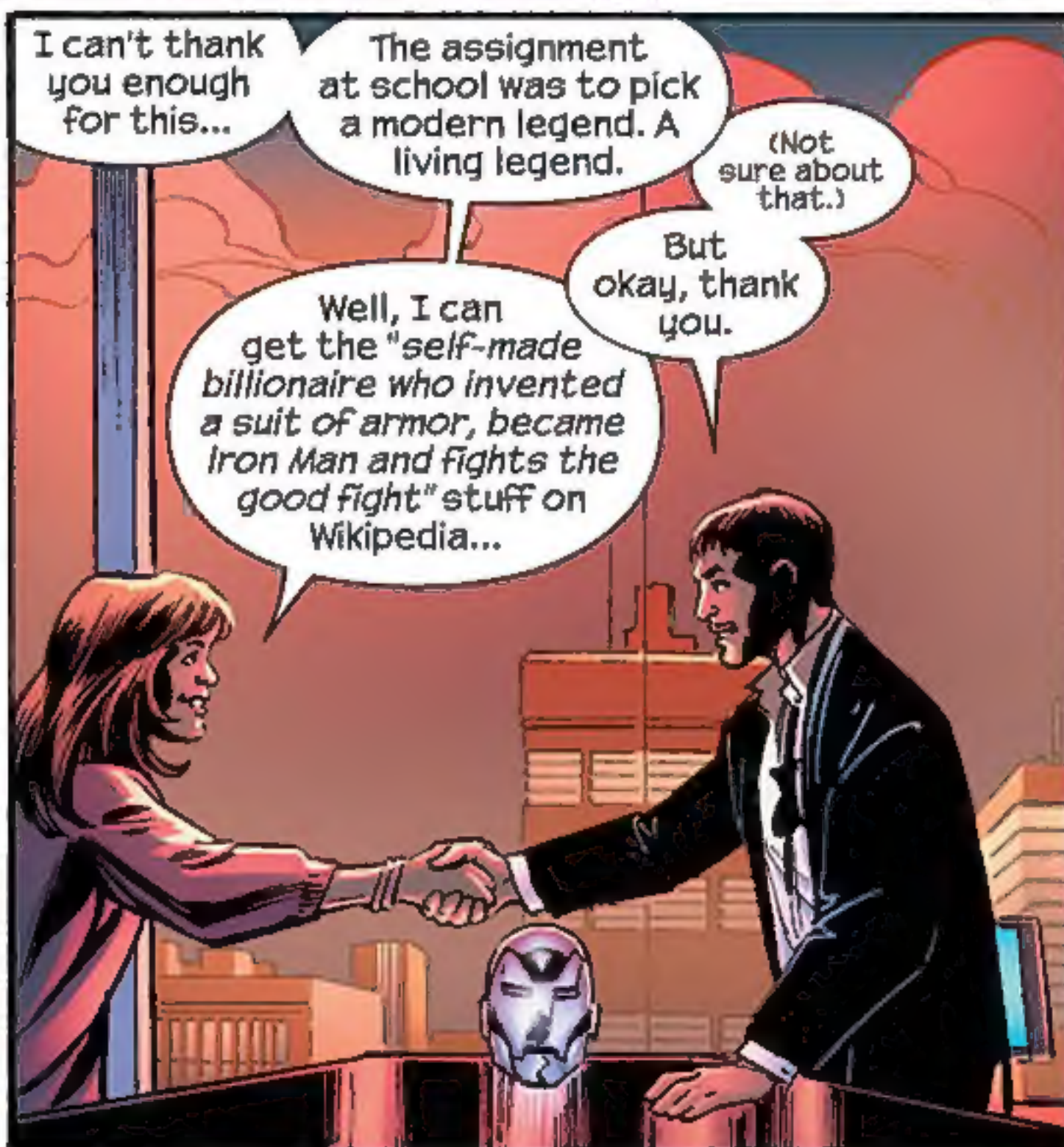
I can't thank you enough for this...

The assignment at school was to pick a modern legend. A living legend.

(Not sure about that.)

But okay, thank you.

Well, I can get the "self-made billionaire who invented a suit of armor, became Iron Man and fights the good fight" stuff on Wikipedia...



So I don't want to waste your time on that...



Unless there's anything out there you have issue with or want to elaborate on.



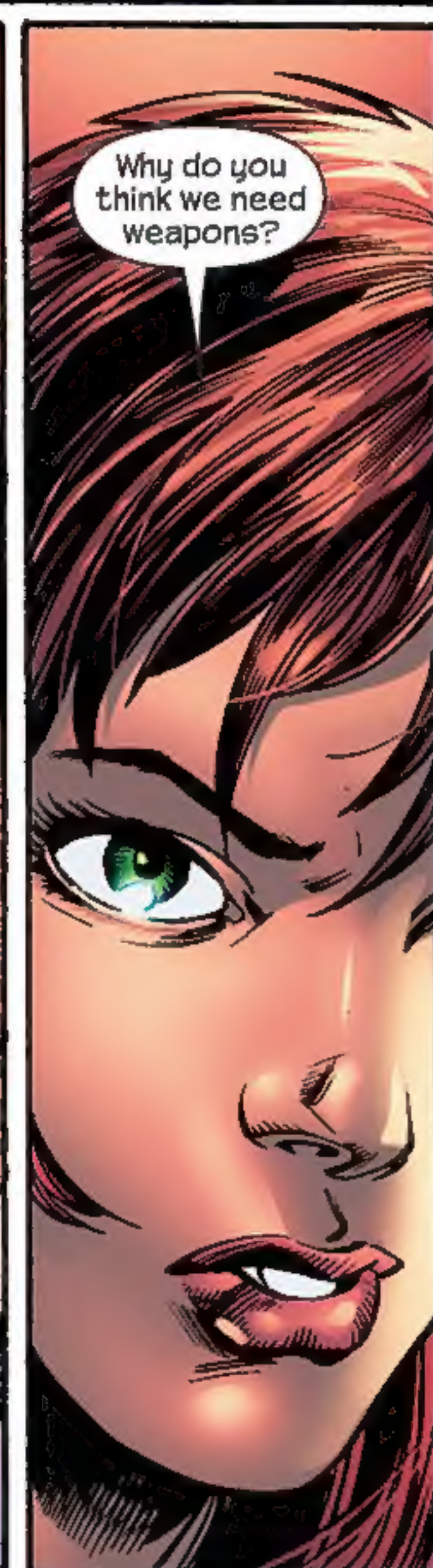
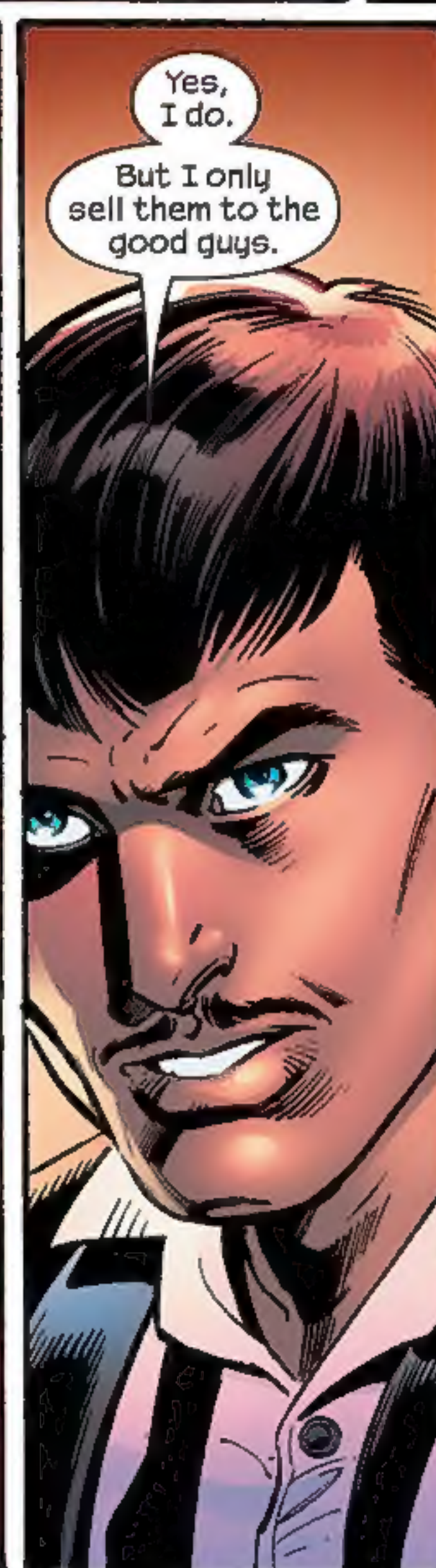
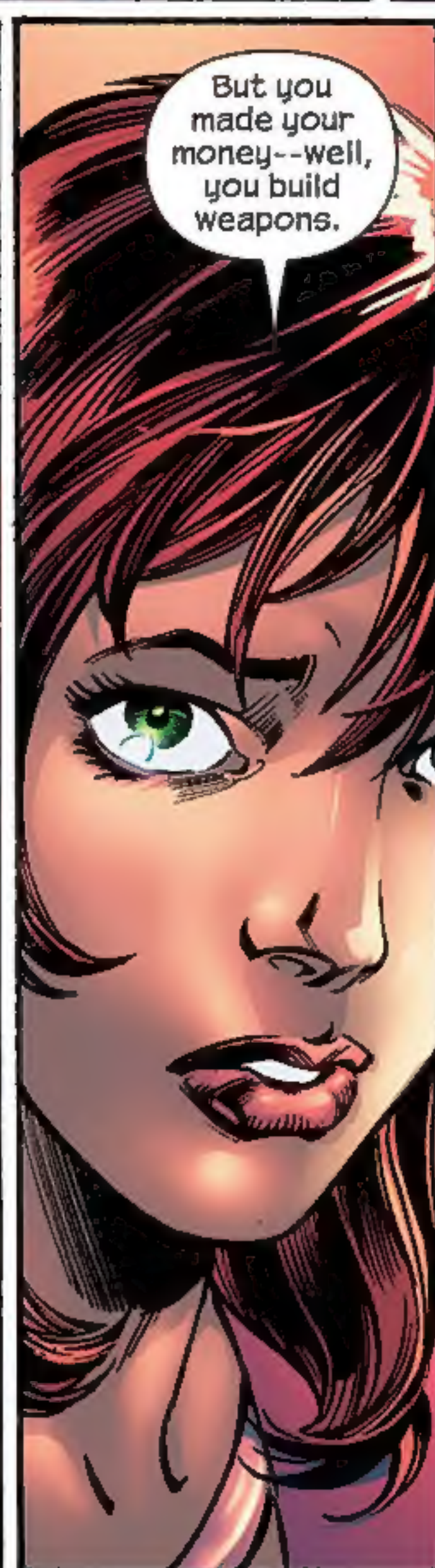
Um, no.  
Okay.

So then, my first question, and the one I see you often *dodge* when asked...

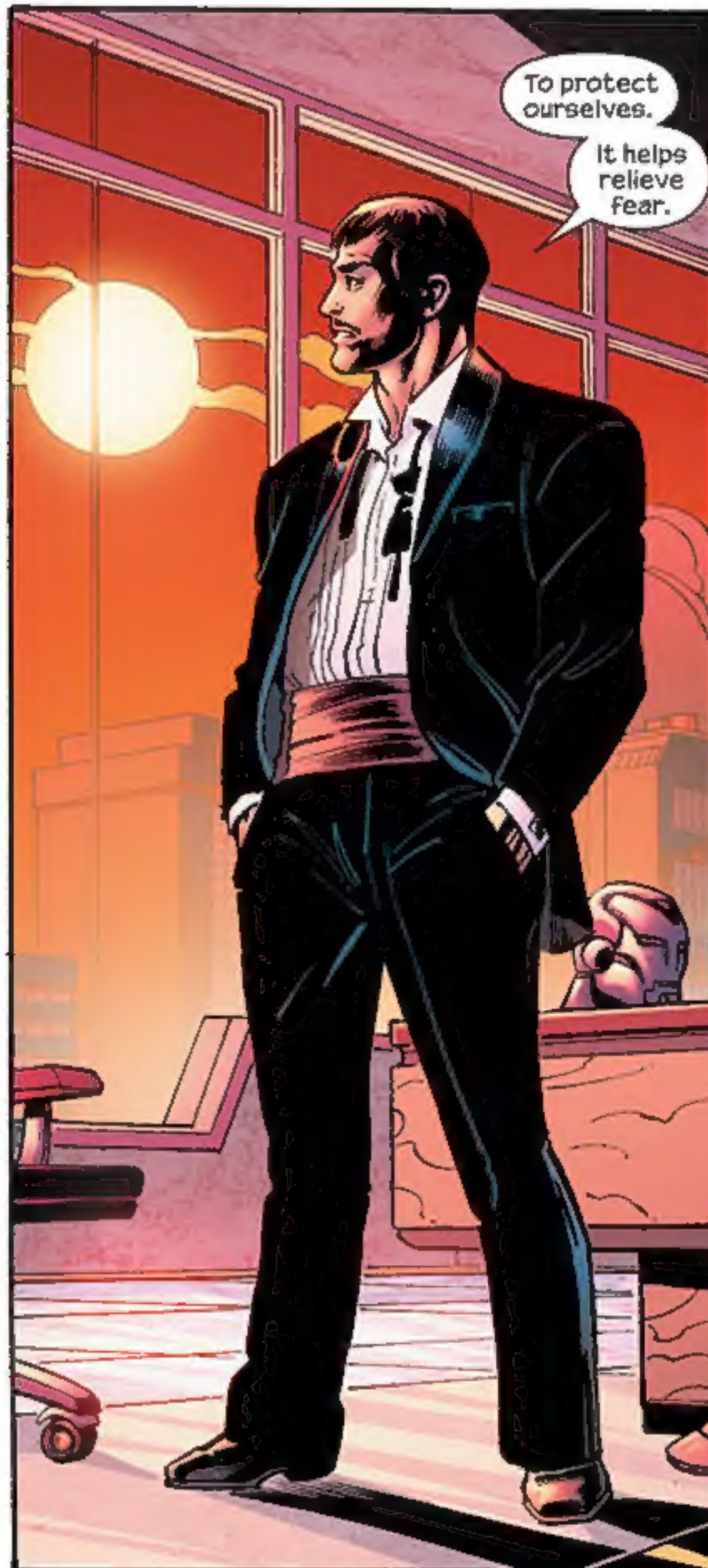
Uh-oh.











To protect ourselves.  
It helps relieve fear.



It seems-- and I'm sorry, but I only have the few questions so I don't have time to be, um, subtle--



It seems counterintuitive.  
A hero to the people, but a maker of weapons.



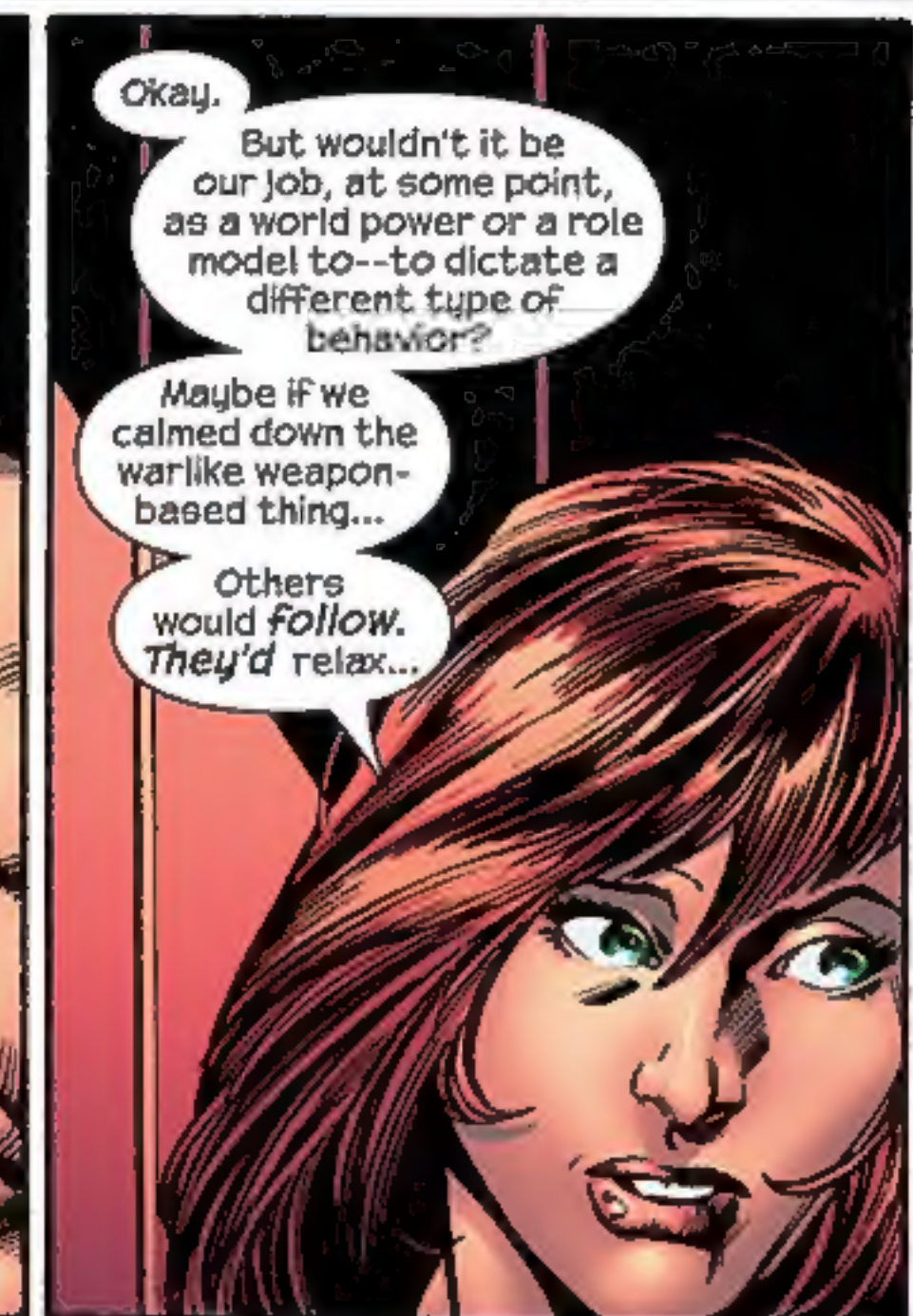
How old are you?  
Sixteen.  
Almost.  
"Counterintuitive."  
I just--  
It's okay. I'm enjoying this.



I'll tell you. And this is the truth as I know it.  
You know that. *Everyone* knows that.  
This world is divided by religion, class, race, money, and borders...  
But do you know what it will take to bring us together?



And as a last resort I avenge those who need avenging.  
And I try to keep it *that* simple.  
People will terrorize and attack that which is different.  
That which they don't understand.  
And that which they feel threatens their way of life. But they won't win.  
Not while I'm around.



Okay.  
But wouldn't it be our job, at some point, as a world power or a role model to--to dictate a different type of behavior?  
Maybe if we calmed down the warlike weapon-based thing...  
Others would follow. They'd relax...



To a certain point we do.  
I know, but you're saying...



Well, let me ask *you* this...

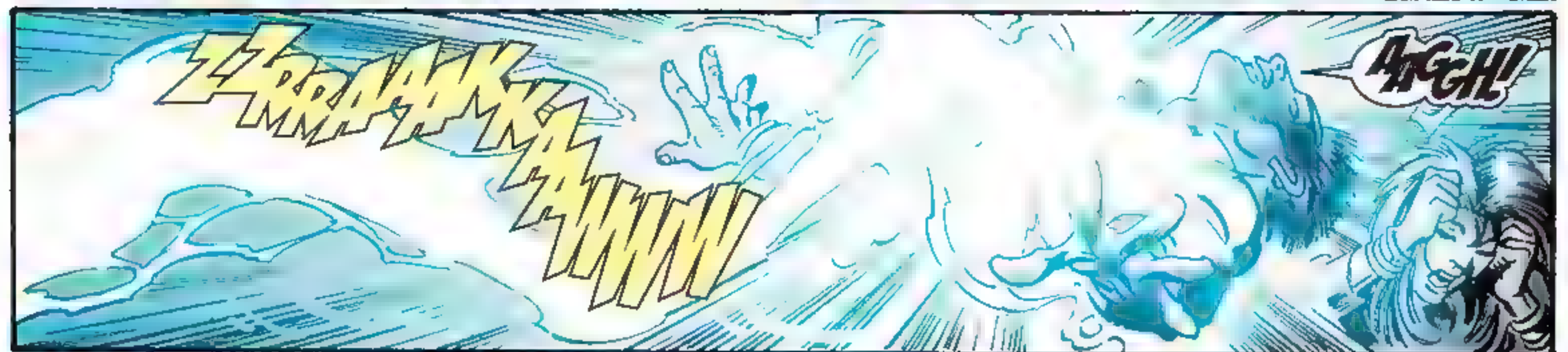
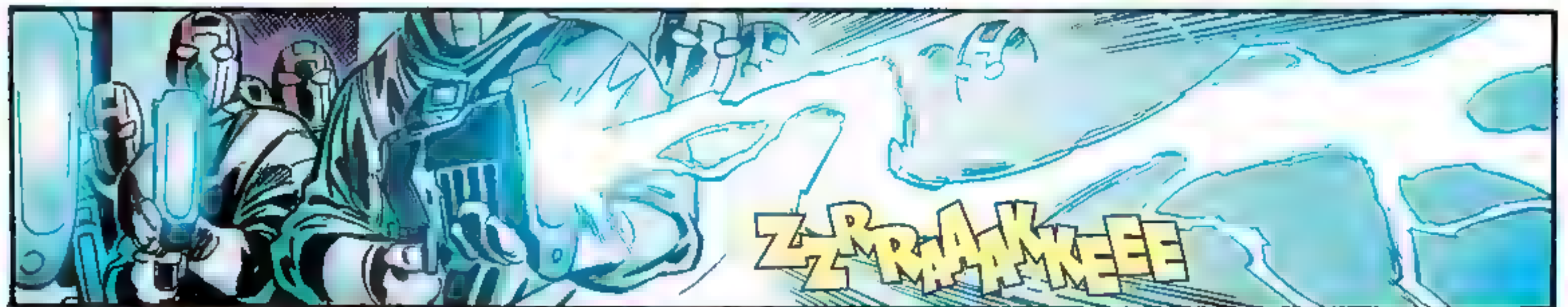


Uh...  
Is that yours?











HAIL  
HYDRA!



Oh  
man...

You'll--cough--  
you'll need to make  
an appointment.

Cute.

I'm not  
necessarily a  
fan of cute.



My organization  
was willing to do  
business with you in  
the proper way.

Through the  
proper channels,  
to negotiate...

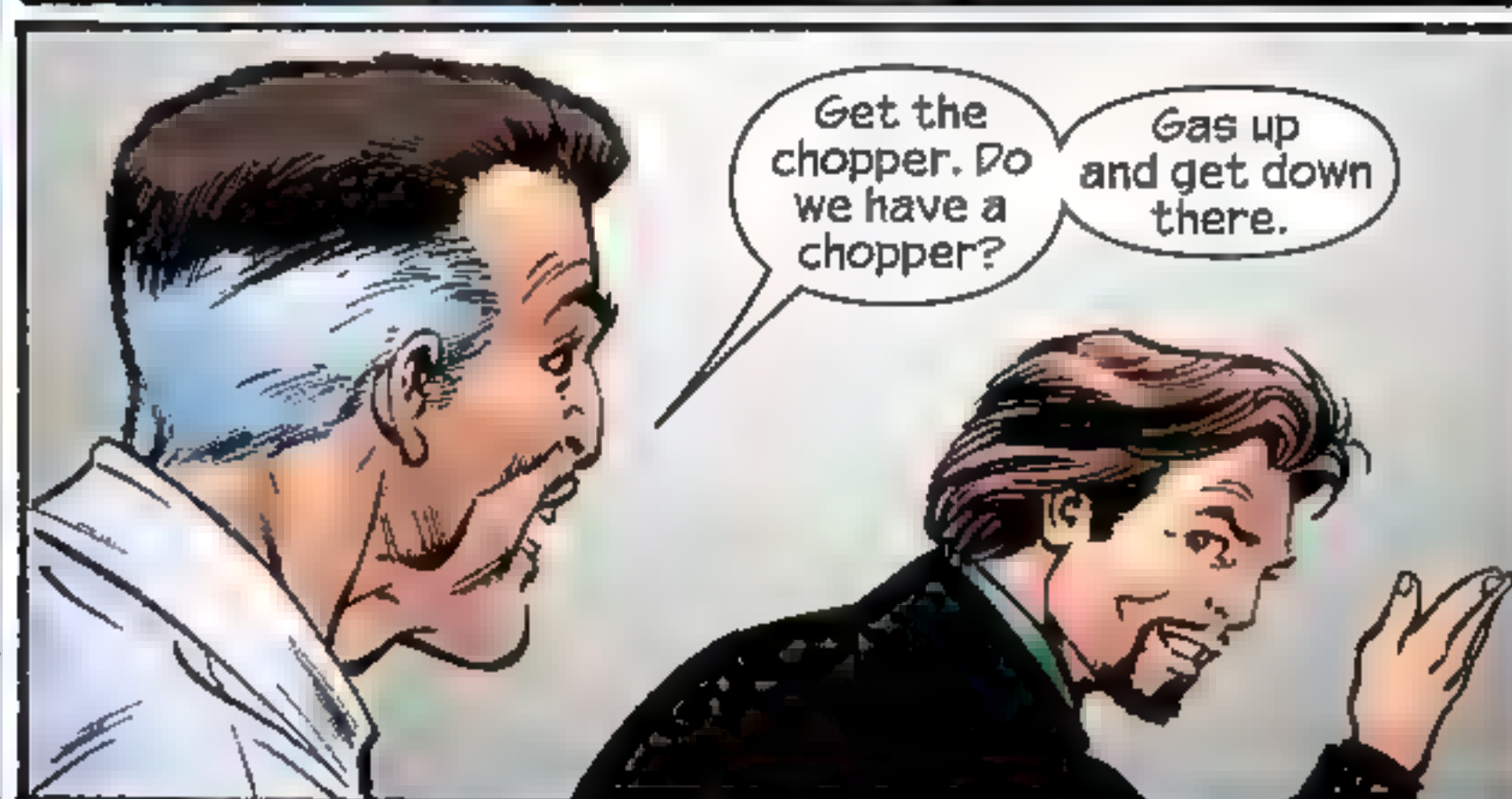
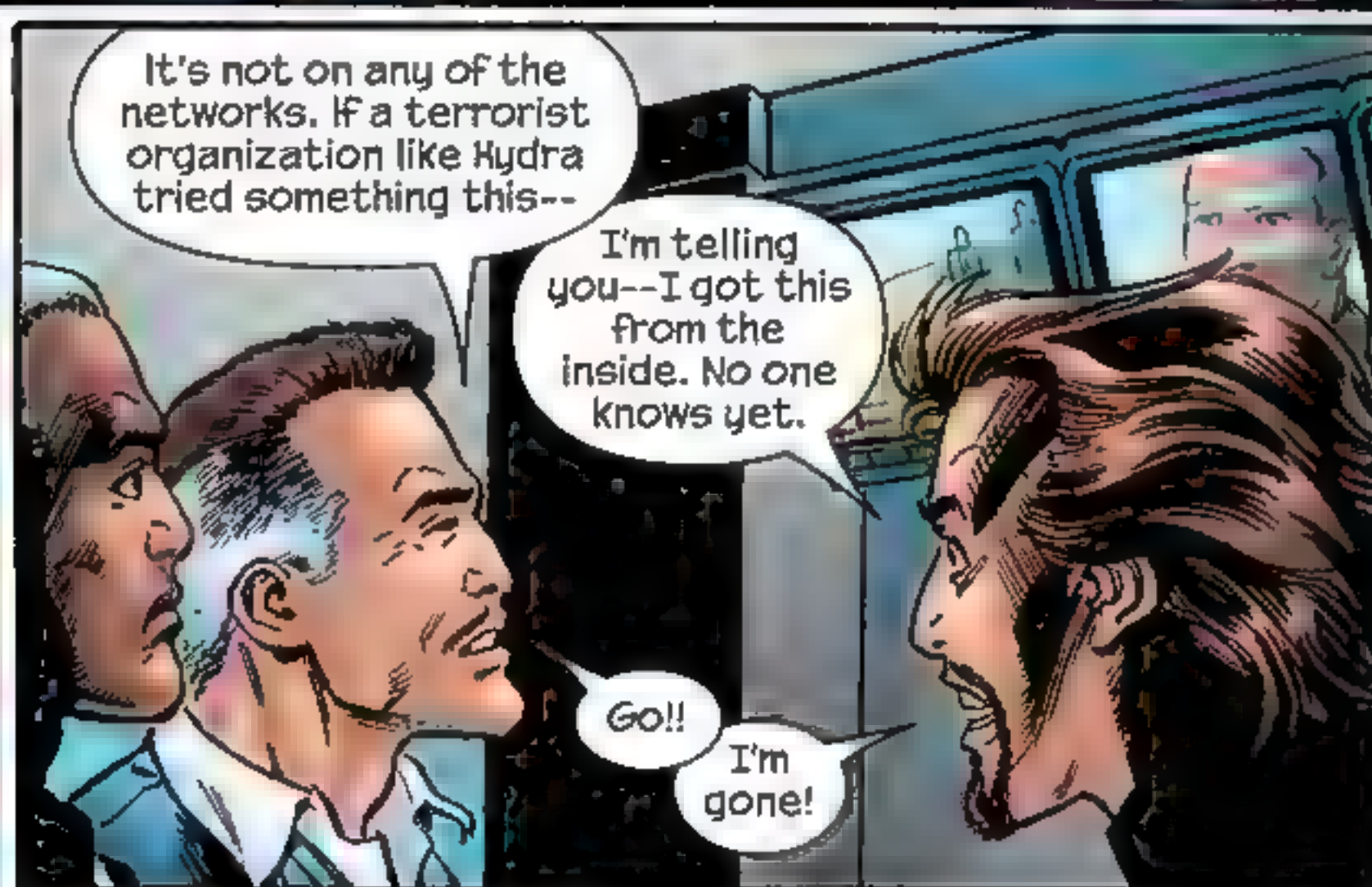
You  
chose to  
*insult* us.



So now  
we're down  
to this.

Your  
armor or  
your life.









We're on a bit of a schedule here, Tony.

Don't let me keep you.

It's not like we didn't give you the opportunity to do business with us.

You chose poorly.

Let me ask you--the only way you broke into this building's security frame is by using my patented Seatech Revo 4000...

Which I certainly did not sell you...



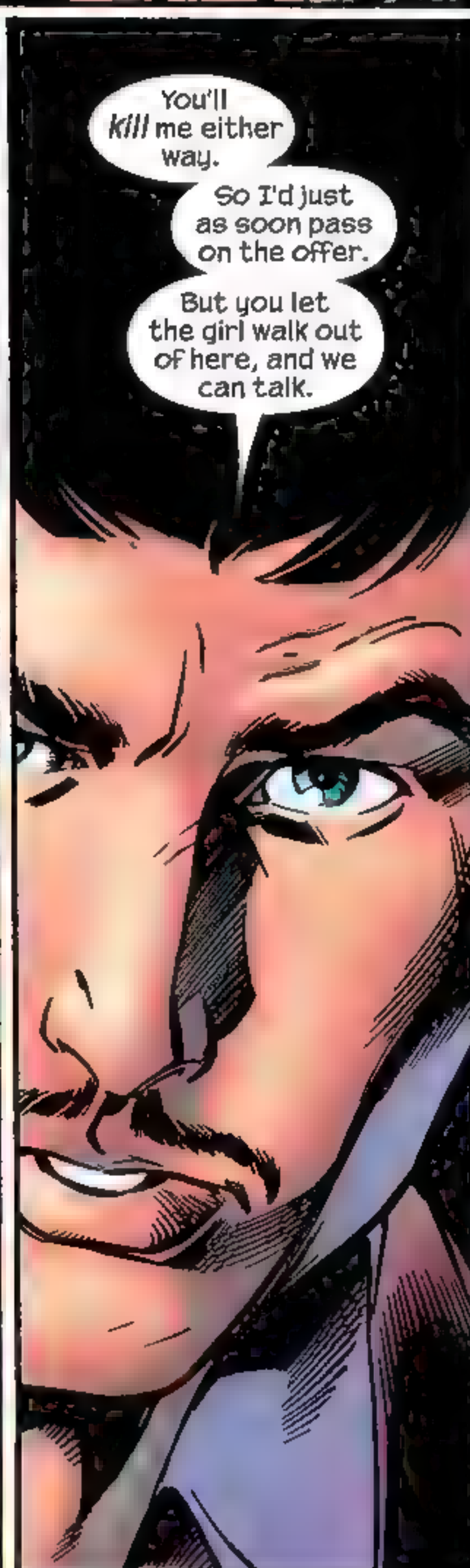
Which means you either stole it or bought it illegally.

Either way--that offends me on numerous levels.



So annoying. Please be quiet.

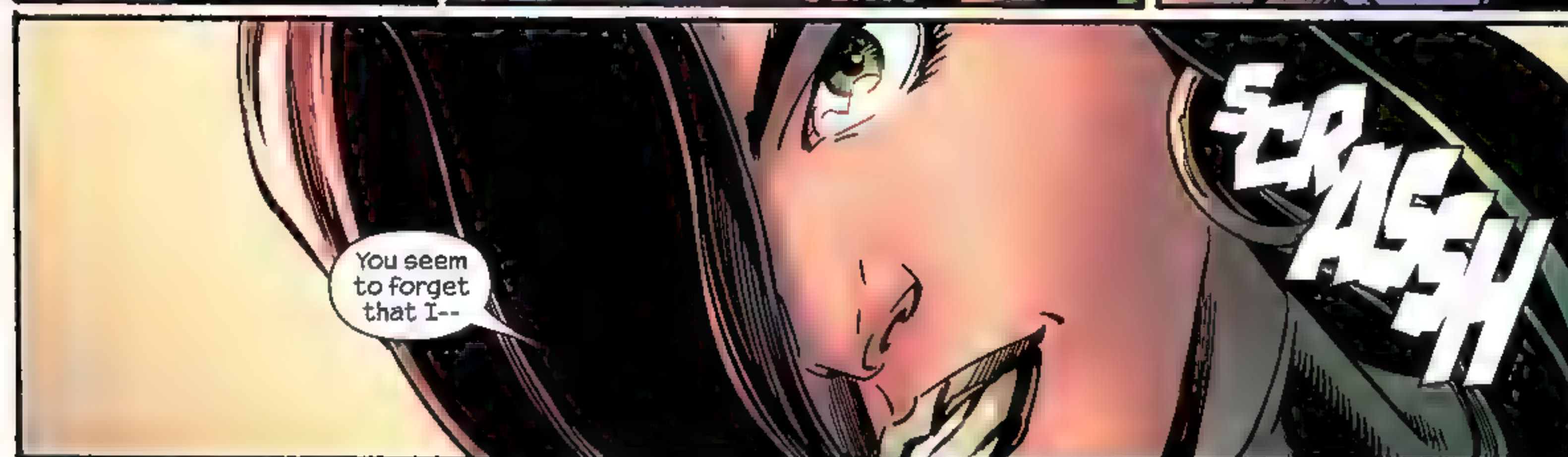
Give us the armor. The good armor. Not this tin-can prototype. The real stuff.



You'll kill me either way.

So I'd just as soon pass on the offer.

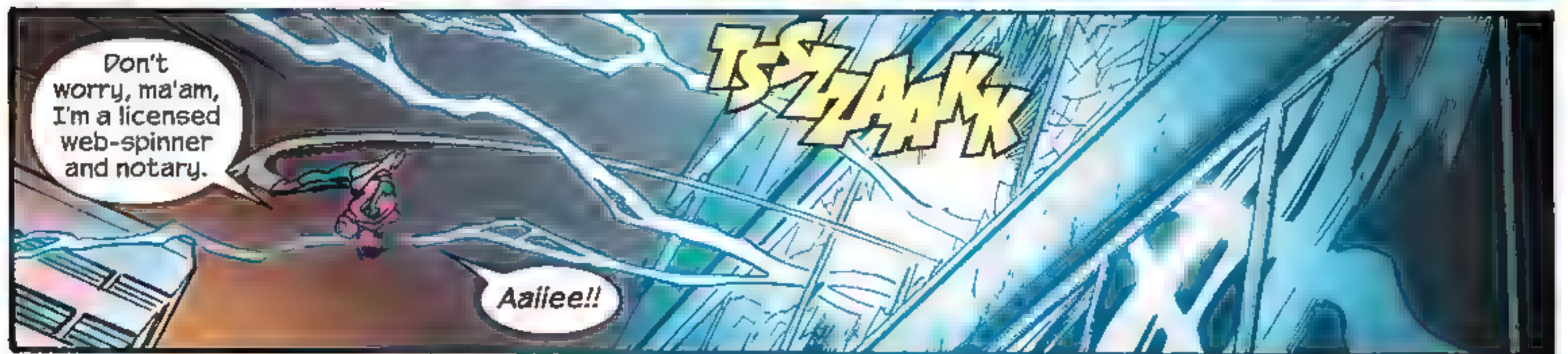
But you let the girl walk out of here, and we can talk.



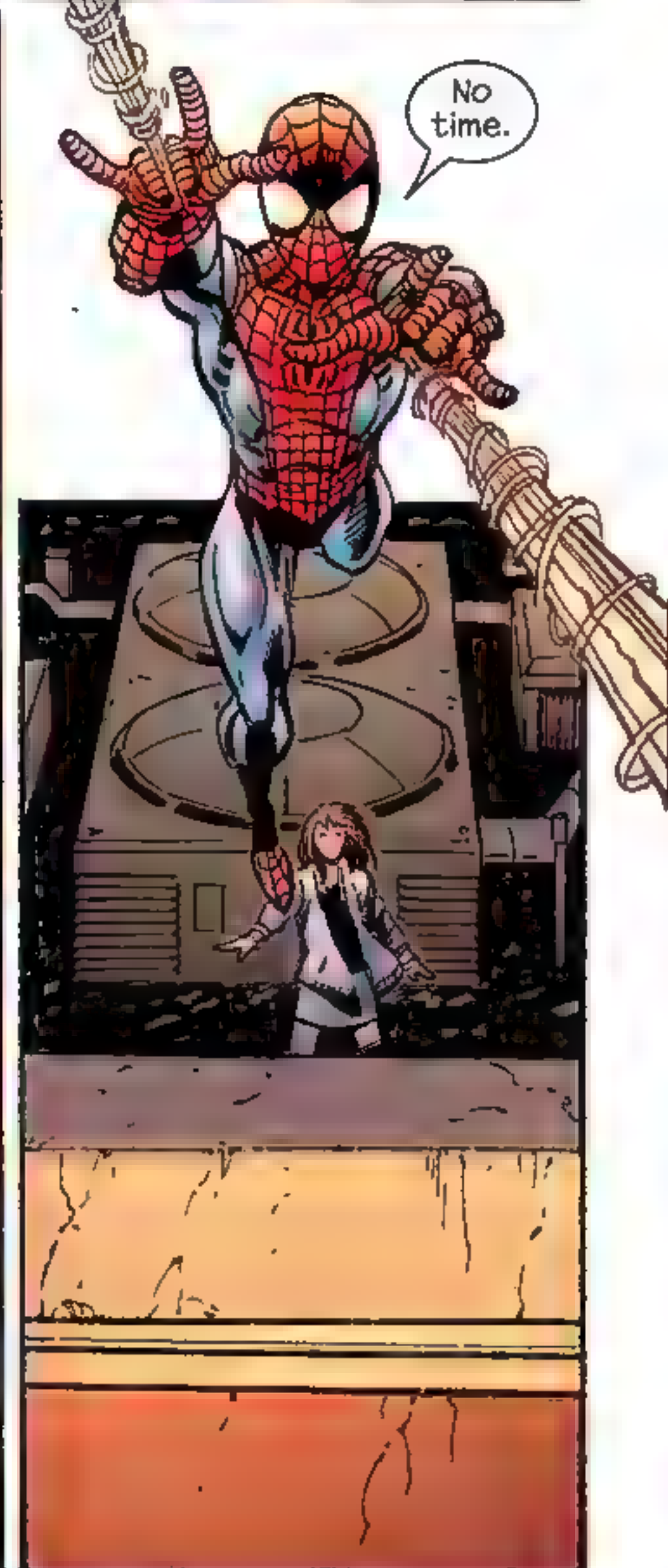
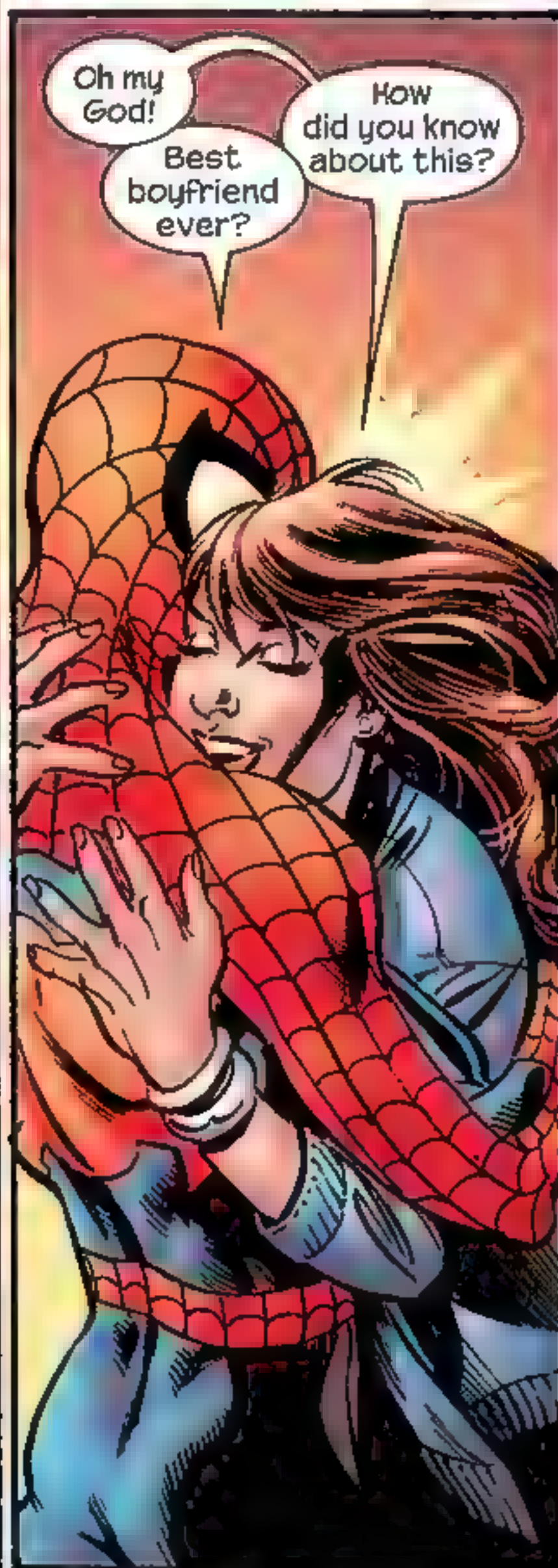
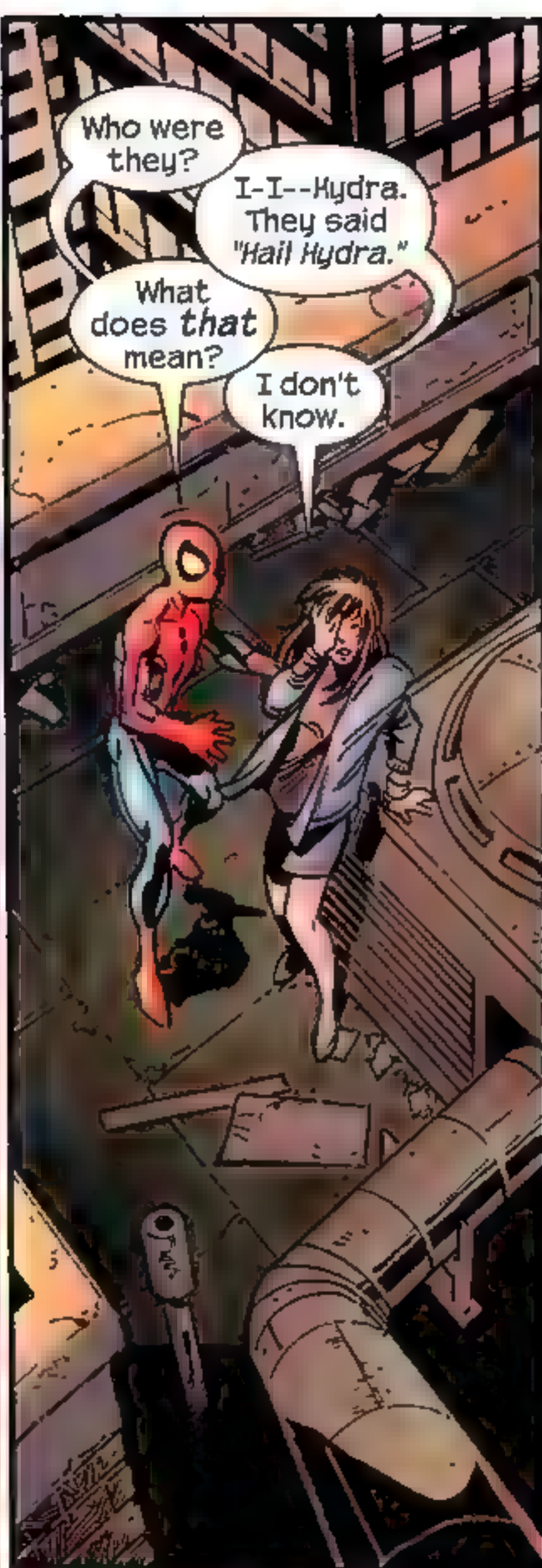
You seem to forget that I--

**CRASH**













Spider-Man? Really?

Listen carefully...

You think we'd come *all the way* here, plan *all that* we've planned and just *hope* you give us what we came here for?

I know you'll die for your "cause." For your ego.

I *know* that. And that's fine.

I give you the armor, then what?

Don't stall me. Don't use words with me.

You arrogant-- you think you're *better* than me. That's the funny part.

You think you stand for something greater. If you couldn't sell it, you shouldn't--

But there are many other ways to skin an arrogant megalomaniac like you.

There's your mommy. Paddy. Pepper. Janet Van Dyne.

Uma Thurman.

(We're just friends.)

We'll see.

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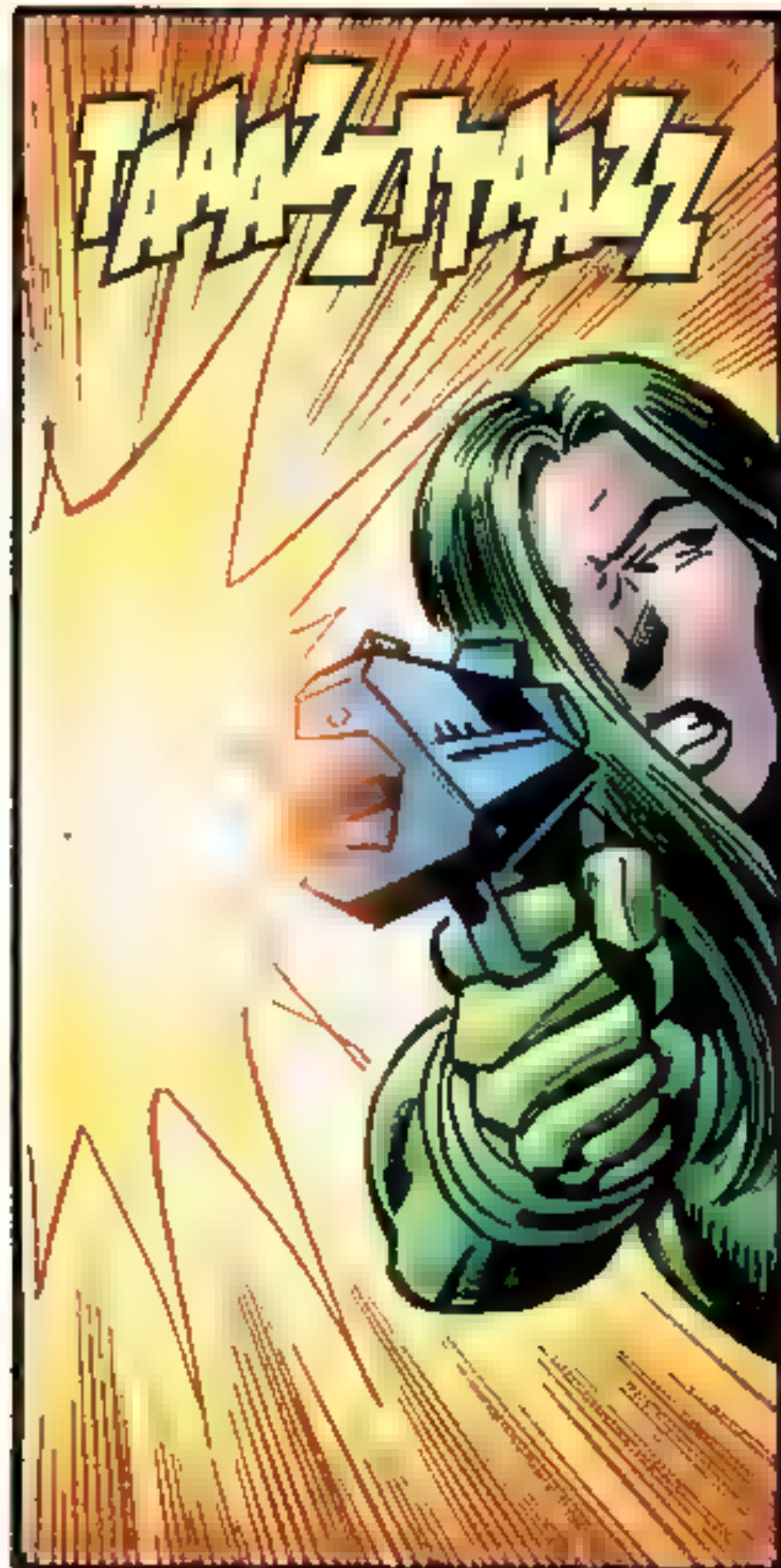
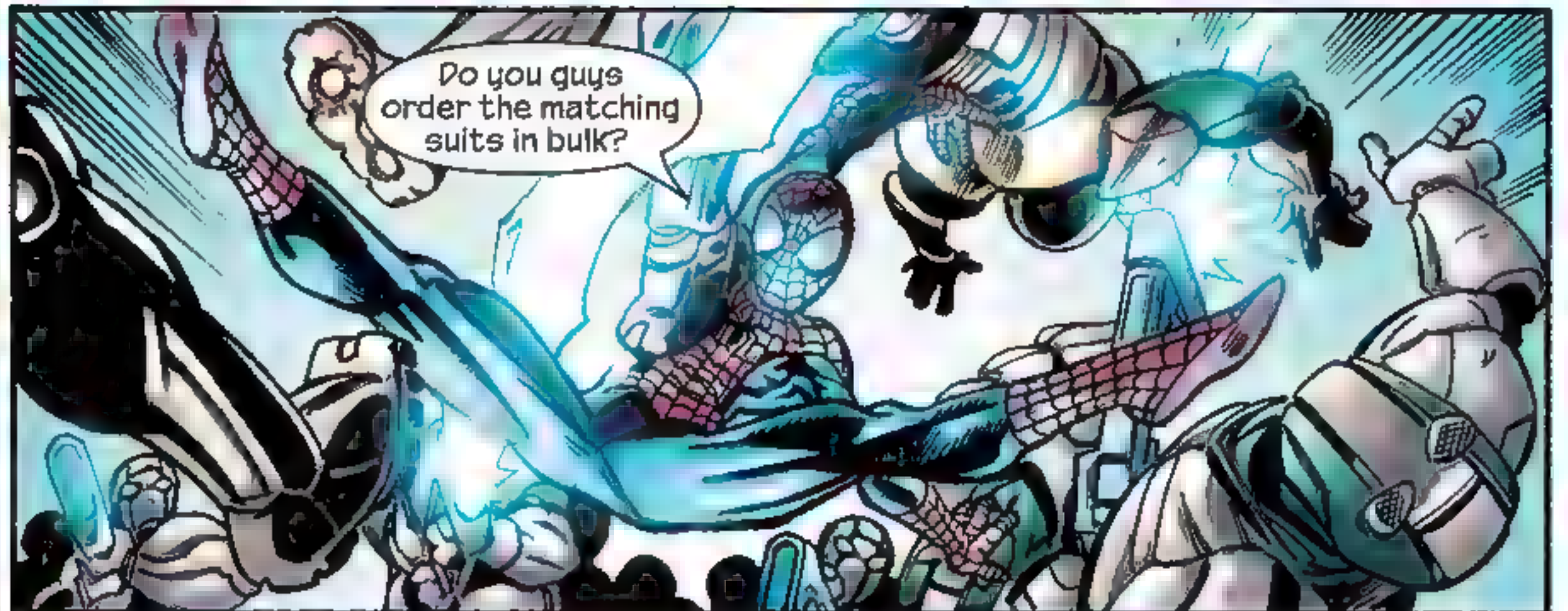
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FUMP Find out what-







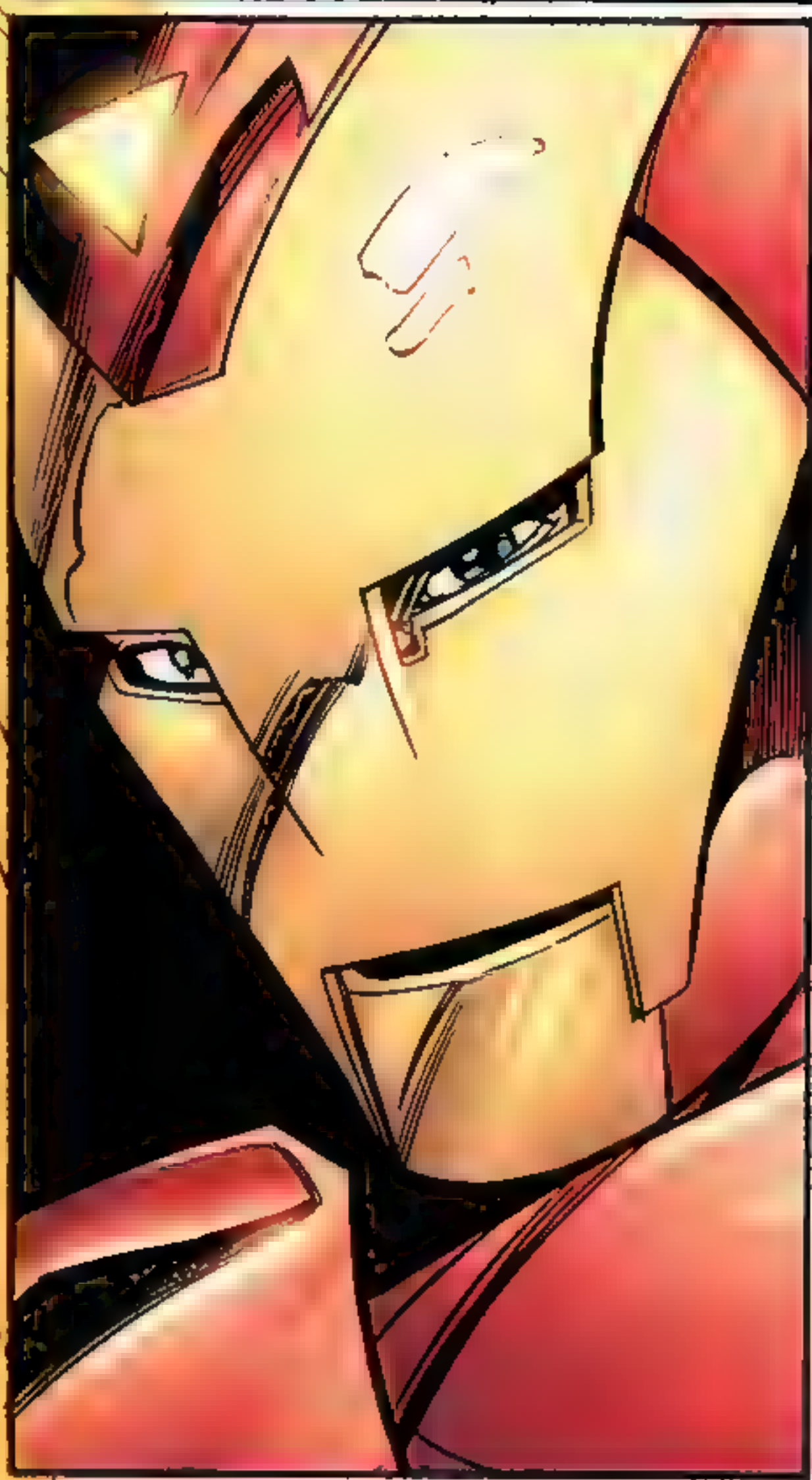




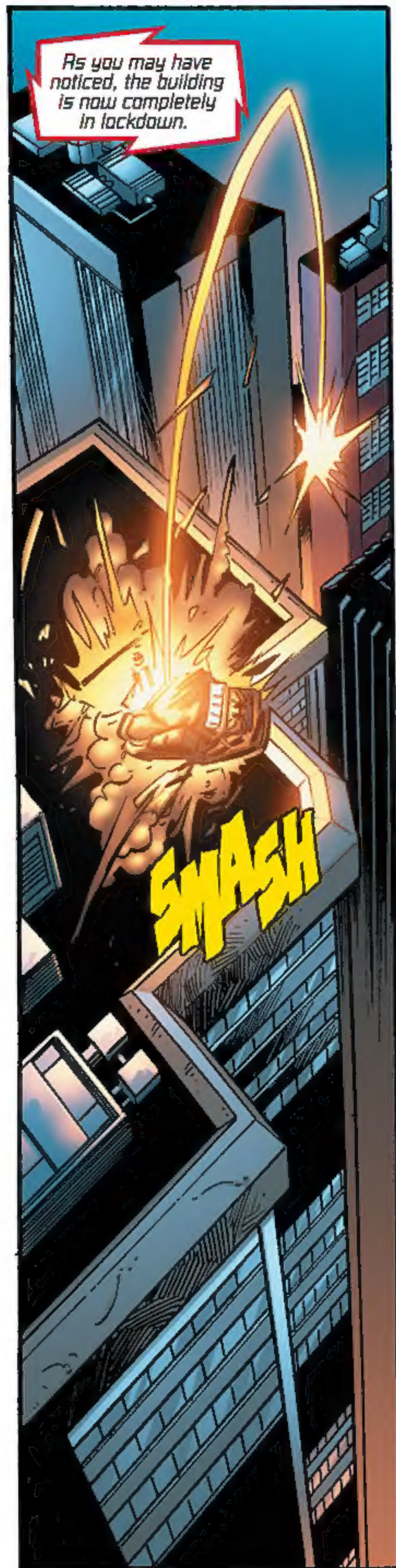
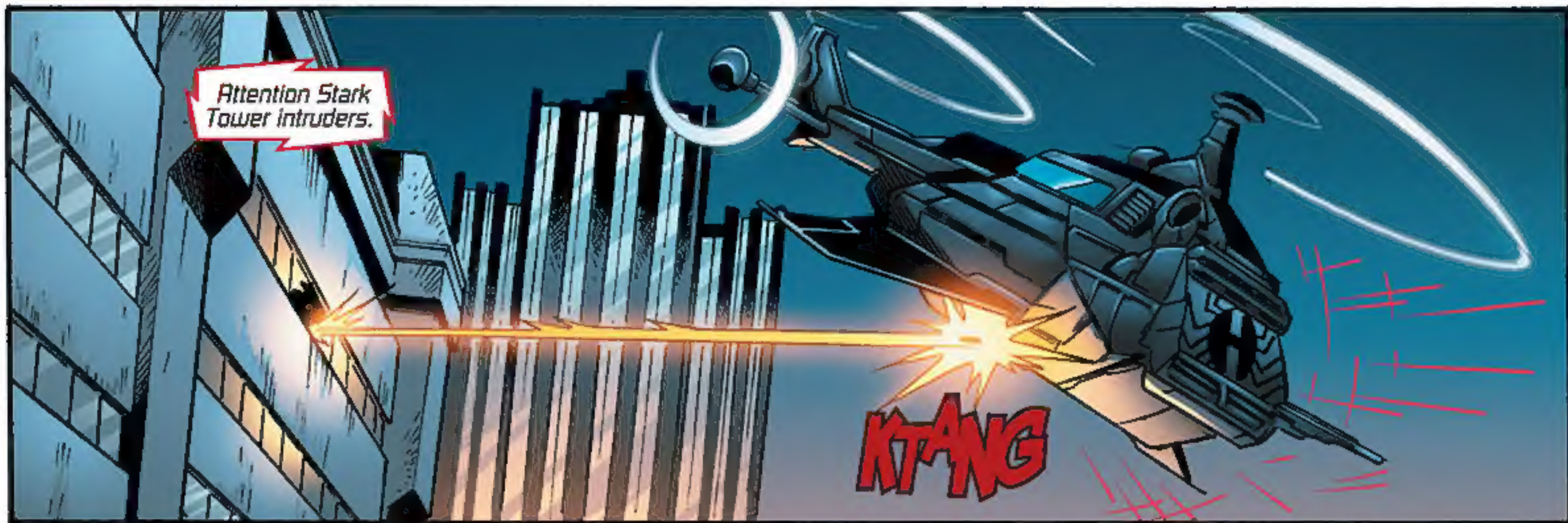


Kid!!  
CEILING!!

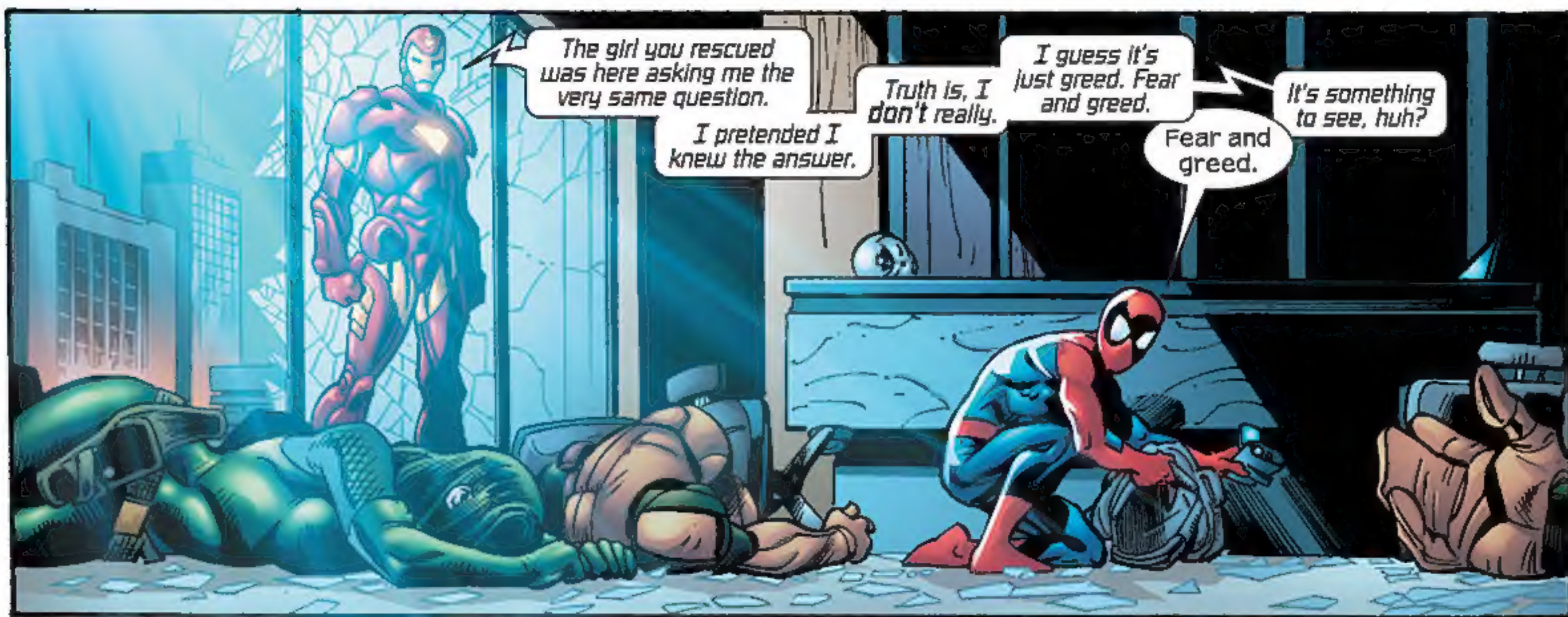












The girl you rescued was here asking me the very same question.

I pretended I knew the answer.

Truth is, I don't really.

I guess it's just greed. Fear and greed.

Fear and greed.

It's something to see, huh?



Well, thanks for a lovely evening.

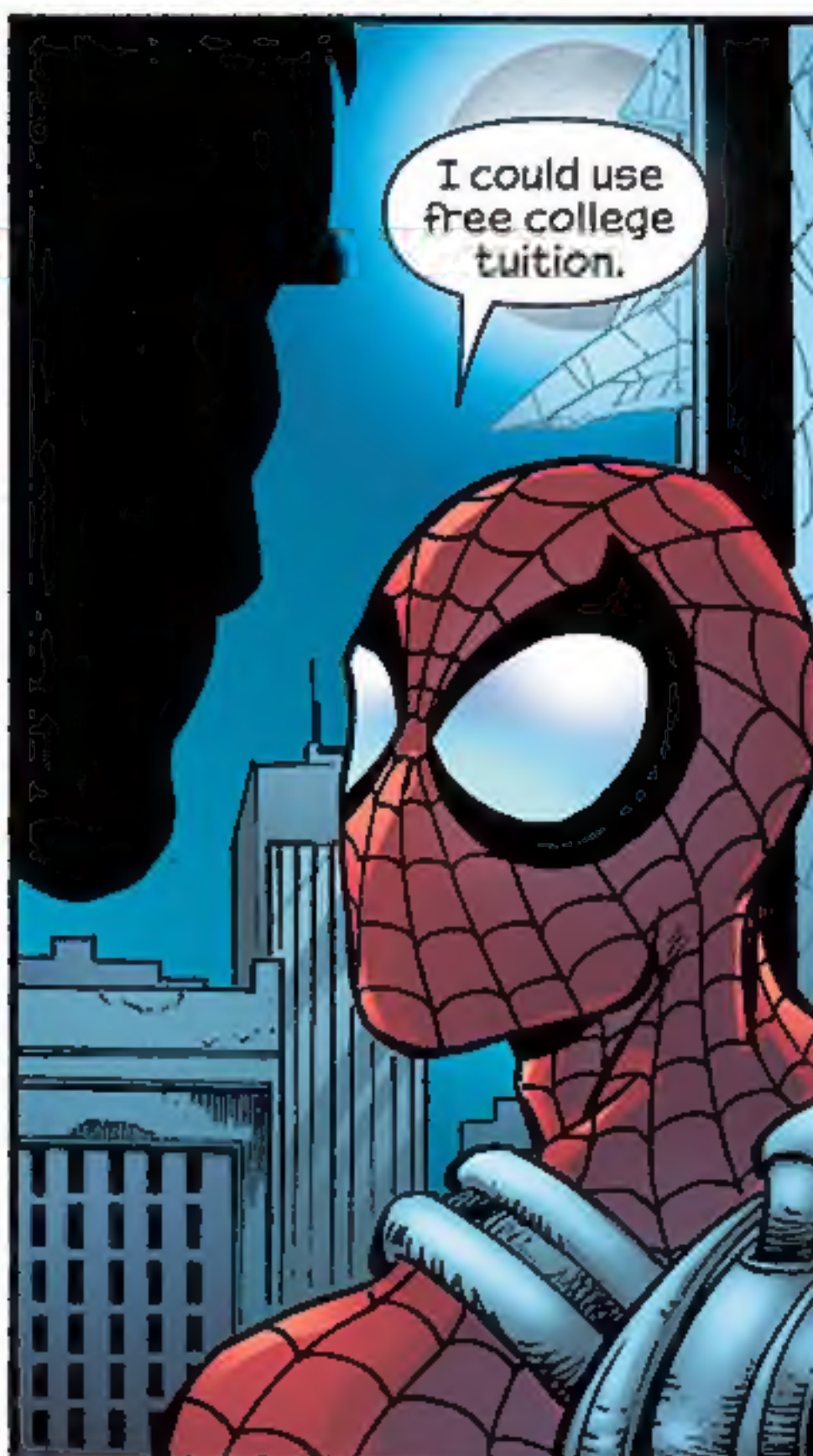
Hey, kid...



This thing you did today-- I'll not soon forget it.

You ever need anything...

You come to me.



I could use free college tuition.



Seriously, kid.

Thanks.



(Wasn't actually joking.)

Tony Stark was not available for comment but he did release this statement through his press secretary:

"Stark Industries will work privately with the proper authorities to ensure all leads are followed and all justice is done."



"We will not be releasing the names of our alleged attackers because fame and glory seem to be part of what they are hoping to achieve."

"Tony Stark would like to publicly thank the costumed hero known as Spider-Man for his selflessness in the face of great danger."

"Hero' is not a word I use lightly, but Spider-Man defines that word in every way."



# Spider-Man defines that word in every way.

Damn it. Tony Stark. Like I know better than him.

Ben...



That article you're writing on Spider-Man. Make it good.

CNN says he's dead.



You're writing his obituary.





